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1. SUMMARY: DISMAL PICTURE OUTLINED IN NICOSIA REFTEL HAS CONTINUED HOLDDURING INTERVENING SIX MONTHS. CYPRIOTS, OF BOTH COMMUNITIES, ARE STILL DENIED FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS. END SUMMARY.

2. IN NORTHERN CYPRUS, TURKISH AND TURKISH CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES HAVE CONTINUED HARASS REMAINING 8,000 GREEK CYPRIOTS LOCATED IN OCCUPIED ZONE. THEY ARE SUBJECT TO STRINGENT TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS, MAIL CENSORSHIP, ARBITRARY ARREST, AND EXPULSION FROM HOMES. IN RECENT WEEKS, OVER 800 GREEK CYPRIOTS WERE MOVED ACROSS CEASEFIRE LINE, MANY INVOLUNTARILY.

3. MOVABLE PROPERTY LEFT BEHIND BY 150-180,000 GREEK CYPRIOT REFUGEES HAS LARGELY BEEN CONFISCATED. CLASSIFIED AS "OWNERLESS PROPERTY", IT HAS BEEN GIVEN OR SOLD TO TURK CYPRIOT MIGRANTS. HOUSES AND APARTMENTS IN OCCUPIED AREA
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HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO TURK CYPRIOTS MOVING NORTH, ALTHOUGH

NO FORMAL TITLE TRANSFER HAS YET TAKEN PLACE. NO REPEAT NO
GREEK CYPRIOT REFUGEES HAVE BEEN ALLOWED RETURN HOME.

4. TURK CYPRIOTS LIVING IN GOC CONTROLLED TERRITORY ARE
ALSO DENIED FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT. THOSE APPREHENDED
ATTEMPTING MOVE NORTH ARE FREQUENTLY MISTREATED. ABANDONED
TURK CYPRIOT HOMES HAVE BEEN LOOTED; GREEK CYPRIOT REFUGEES
HAVE APPROPRIATED MANY TURKISH OWNED RESIDENCES.

5. EMBASSY HAS SOUGHT ENCOURAGE LEADERS OF BOTH COMMUNI-
TIES TO AMELIORATE CONDITIONS OF RIVAL ETHNIC GROUP LIVING
UNDER THEIR CONTROL. PENDING OVERALL POLITICAL SETTLE-
MENT, HOWEVER, WE DOUBT WHETHER THERE WILL BE MUCH
IMPROVEMENT.

6. USG HAS NO SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN CYPRUS.
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